

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: September 23, 2005]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 2278 (Mr. English)

Proponent name, location: BASF Corporation
Monaca, PA 15061

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2008.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Citral (CAS No. 5392-40-5) (provided for in subheading 2912.19.10)

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section)

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

Citral is both a naturally occurring and synthetic organic chemical typically used in flavors and fragrances. It is known as an aliphatic aldehyde in the monoterpene class of chemicals. In plants such as lemongrass (*Cymbopogon*) and lemon balm (*Melissa officinalis*), citral occurs as two isomeric aldehydes, neral and geranial. Citral has shown antiviral, antibacterial, and germicidal activity.

U.S. imports of this product are principally from Germany and Japan, with other imports from China, Mexico, Spain, United Kingdom, Switzerland, and Belgium.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Eric Land (202-205-3349); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Michels (202-205-3440).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at www.usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2912.19.10					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Col. 1-General rate of duty	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$6,500,000	\$8,250,000	\$10,000,000	\$13,000,000	\$16,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$357,500	\$453,750	\$550,000	\$715,000	\$880,000

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates and Commission estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
BASF (proponent)(unable to contact) Tom Coleman 202-289-3900, email: colemae@basf-corp.com	8/15/2005	No	No	No
BASF (proponent)(unable to contact) Greg Theis 202-585-5100	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Bayer Karen Niedermeyer fax: 412-777-4740	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Bayer MaterialScience LLC Julie Von Egmund fax: 202-737-8908	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Biddle Sawyer William Thonack fax: 212-239-1089	8/15/2005	No	No	No
American Chemistry Council Jim O'Connor fax: 703-741-6922	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Ciba Specialty Chemicals Michelle Forte fax: 914-785-4831	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Clariant Corp. Andrew Zamoyski fax 401-823-2700	8/15/2005	No	No	No

E.I DuPont Nancy Johnson fax: 202-728-3649	8/15/2005	No	No	No
E.I DuPont Elaine Olson fax: 302-892-7343	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Eastman Chemical Co. Greg Riddle fax: 703-524-7707	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Honeywell International Art Simonetti fax: 202-662-2675	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Lyondell Chemical Company Mike Wimberly mike.wimberly@milleniumchem.com	9/8/2005	Yes	Yes	Yes
Monsanto Linda Strachan fax: 202-789-1867	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Monsanto Michael Parrish fax: 202-789-1867	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Noveon Tom Dirmyer fax: 214-415-6001	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Solutia Sue Cannon fax: 314-674-1585	8/15/2005	No	No	No
Solutia Dan Jenkins fax: 314-674-1585	8/15/2005	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The Commission suggests that the article description on page 1 of this report be used because it is the chemical name used in subheading 2912.19.10.

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2278

To suspend temporarily the duty on Citral.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Citral.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CITRAL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.09.11	3,7-Dimethyl-2,6-octadienal (Citral) (CAS No. 5392–40– 5) (provided for in sub- heading 2912.19.10)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2008	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of enactment of this Act.

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